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Remarks

Applicant has cancelled claims 12-16 and 19-23, added claims 24-35 and amended no claims. Claims 1-11, 17-18 and 24-35 are currently pending. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed May 13, 2003, a Restriction Requirement was set forth between four groups of inventions identified by the Examiner and outlined below:

Group I Claims 1-11 and 17-18 (drawn to a combination dump trailer).

Group II Claims 12-14 (drawn to a subcombination hinge assembly).

Group III Claims 15-16 (drawn to a subcombination mud flap).

Group IV Claims 19-23 (drawn to a method of delivering asphalt).

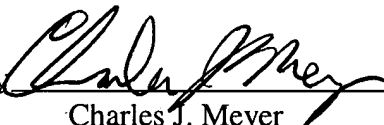
In addition, the Examiner required a species-type election be made of a single species of the claimed invention between Figure 4 and Figure 6.

In response to the above-mentioned restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects, without traversal, the Group I invention for prosecution. Further, Applicant elects, without traversal, the species shown in Figure 4. It is believed that claims 1-11, 17-18 and 24-35 read on the elected species. Consequently, the claims for the non-elected groups have been cancelled from the application without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application, specifically claims 12-16 and 19-23.



In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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